

## ABSTRACT

Fire retardant compositions and methods of making and using the same are provided. The fire retardant compositions are comprised of at least one fire retardant component, including at least one ammonium polyphosphate and at least  
5 one biopolymer having a weight average particle diameter of less than about 100 microns. In a specific embodiment, the fire retardant composition is comprised of a xanthan biopolymer.

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